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I support the Consensus Plan that is before the FCC. It is fully consistent with the state of readiness and the public trust that first responders champion every day. The adoption will virtually eliminate the persistent and dangerous problem of the ever-increasing numbers of cell phones interfering with our communications systems. Most importantly, it gives first responders additional spectrum for clear, reliable communications and a platform to meet their interoperability requirements. The Consensus Plan helps set the stage for implementing the communications networks required to protect the communities we serve.

Mitigation approaches are shortsighted, short-term solutions that inevitably will reduce first responders' effectiveness and put lives at risk. The Consensus Plan solves the economic, technical and policy problems associated with the current banding for public safety -- and it also makes room for future needs. By approving this plan, the FCC will be acting in the best interests of our society and putting public safety first.

I have signed this petition in support of the Consensus Plan because I believe that this issue needs to be resolved immediately and I urge the FCC to approve the Consensus Plan without delay.

Sincerely,

Steven Steingraber